

interest to you; but it
has relieved my feelings
to write what I have
so please excuse me.
Having written it, how-
ever, I will use any
text to point a moral
namely: please don't do,
in a similar case of
doubt, what I thought
you had all done. Suppose
I had gone to Europe as
I intended, I should have
been months without
letters if you had all
stopped writing. If I
leave any one place
to go to another, with-

ing is easier than to have my letters sent after me. When I wish them stopped I will write that such is my wish. Now I have preached this sermon to you, who perhaps need it less than any other one of my correspondents, but I hope you won't hide the light of my expressed wishes "under a bushel"; but let it shine upon my other sisters and my brothers, as well as other correspondents.

In college most mat-

ters move on as usual; but some of our students have been guilty of grave misdemeanors and one of a deep crime.

One of the junior class students broke into the Ham office in February, during my absence in Tokio, and stole therefrom six hundred and seventy-eight yen. He was led to commit this crime through having got into the habit of frequenting houses of prostitution.

Having this large sum of money, he invited

other students to accompany them; and five were foolish enough to do so. They say that they were unaware that the money was stolen; and the student who stole the money does not accuse them of having known; but it seems altogether likely to me that they must have known, for none of our students are rich, nor can any come honestly by any large sum of money. The amount spent is nearly four hundred dollars.

They are now inquiring into the matter, and shall soon decide upon punishment.

I have volunteered to give the first class in our preparatory school instruction two evenings of each week, there being, at present, no foreign teacher in that school, and it being desirable to fit these students to enter college the coming year. The Japanese teachers in the school understand English

very well, but say that they find it quite impossible to give their explanations and do their talking in English when teaching native students.

I can see that it must be difficult; the mother tongue must be so much easier.

The students of the common schools of Sapporo are to be taught practical agriculture; and I have been asked to take charge of the matter and have a

gued to do so. I think
that I shall rather en-
joy the work as I am
so fond of little boys.

The winter here this
year has been very
much milder than
usual; and the spring
is exceptionally early.
Farm work is a fort-
night ahead of any
previous year in
my experience.

I have renewed for
only one year, and
already one third of
it is gone. I hardly

expect to stay longer,
but under certain cir-
cumstances I may.

I trust, ere this, you
have seen the Wheeler
they reached home a-
bout Feb. 7th, I believe.

With much love,

Brother Will.

P.S. Write often, please and
at great length: your
letters are always very
short.